

A Publication of the Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

## *Two Organs Two Organists*

Wiles Chapel on the Campus of Newberry College

Monday, March 23, 2009 7:30 pm

Stephen Schnurr and Sally Cherrington Beggs

Our next meeting is in Newberry. **We will carpool.** If you would like to participate in the carpool, please contact Tony Roof (803-606-1596 or [tonyroof@windstream.net](mailto:tonyroof@windstream.net)) by **March 20.**

Stephen Schnurr has served as Director of Music for Saint Paul Catholic Church, Valparaiso, Indiana, since 1990. The parish of 2,600 families has long supported the pipe organ in worship, and the church facility features three excellent instruments by Casavant, Johnson & Son, and Aeolian-Skinner. At Saint Paul, he has led the adult choir on concert tours of Italy, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, and Northern Ireland.

Schnurr holds the Master of Music, Master of Musical Arts, and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music/School of Music, and the Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and Latin from Duke University. His organ teachers have included Thomas Murray, Charles Krigbaum, Gerre Hancock, Peter Williams, Robert Parkins, and Melvin Dickinson. As a recitalist, Dr. Schnurr has performed throughout the United States as well as in Germany, Poland, England, and Northern Ireland. He was the only American to perform for the International Organ Festival at Bielsko-Biala, Poland, in 1999. This summer will mark his eighth recital for a National Convention of the Organ Historical Society. His recital work is repeatedly featured on OHS Productions releases.

Schnurr is a frequently-published authority on the history of the American pipe organ, particularly in the Great Lakes region. His articles have appeared in journals such as *The Tracker*, *The American Organist*, and *The Stopt Diapason*. In 2009 alone, three book-length publications are due: *The Organs of Oberlin, Ohio*, and *Organ Atlas 2009: Cleveland, Ohio, Region* from OHS Press, as well as *Pipe Organs of Chicago*, Volume II, from Chauncey Park Press (the latter with Dennis Northway). The critically-acclaimed Volume I of *Pipe Organs of Chicago* is the largest-selling organ atlas to be published in the United States.

Active with the Organ Historical Society, he is Secretary of the National Council and Chair of the Historic Organ Citations Committee. He has served on OHS convention committees for Chicago (2002, for which he was committee chair), Buffalo (2004), Central Indiana (2007), Cleveland (2009), and Chicago (2012). He was President of the Chicago-Midwest Chapter from 1995 through 2001, and is editor of that chapter's journal, *The Stopt Diapason*. He is frequently consulted for historic organ restorations in the Chicago metropolitan region.

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Sonata a due Organi \* Lucchinetti  
"Allegro" from Concerto #13 in F Major \* Händel  
Sonata in D Minor for four hands, op. 30 \* Merkel  
I. Allegro moderato  
II. Adagio  
III. Allegro con fuoco - Fuga  
Trot Suite \* P. D. Q. Bach  
I. Prelude  
II. O. K. Chorale  
III. Fuga Vulgaris

Intermission

The Stars and Stripes Forever \* Sousa  
Dialogue Monastique \* Purvis  
Concerto #1 for Two Organs \* Blanco  
Waltzing Matilda - Organ Duet for Four Feet \* Ampt  
The Ride of the Valkyrs \* Wagner

The concert is FREE and Open to the Public



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Sally Cherrington Beggs

Dr. Sally Cherrington Beggs is the Chair of the Music Department, College Organist, and an Associate Professor of Music at Newberry College. She holds the Carter Endowed Chair for Humanities for the 2006-2007 academic year. Dr. Cherrington completed her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ from Yale University, where she also earned her M.M. and M.M.A. While at Yale she won the Charles Ives Organ Prize and the Faculty Award from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, and she was named the Frank Bozyan Organ Scholar twice. Dr. Cherrington is active as a free-lance performer, having performed extensively in major churches throughout Europe and the US.

Newberry College

2100 College Street  
Newberry, SC 29108

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## RSCM Carolinas Regional Treble Choir Festival

90+ boys and girls ages 10-18 from Episcopal Churches in North and South Carolina  
**Dr. Jared Johnson, Director**

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**Sunday, March 8, 2009, 4:00 pm**

St. John's Episcopal Church  
2827 Wheat Street, Columbia, 29205  
Telephone 803-799-4767

**Mark Husey, Organist**  
**in concert on the**  
**Ralph Rozier, E.M.Skinner organ**  
**The Washington Street United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, March 15, 2009, 4:00 PM**

Fanfare for the Common Man- Aaron Copland  
Pavanne - Gabriel Fauré  
Choral in A minor- César Franck  
Sonata in B flat Major - Felix Mendelssohn  
Fantasia in F minor - W. A. Mozart  
Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in C - J. S. Bach

Mark Husey is in his fourth season as Director of Music and Liturgy at historic Saint Peter's Catholic Church in Columbia, SC, where he leads an active music ministry of professional and amateur choristers that sing at four weekend liturgies and holy day Masses throughout the year. First prize winner at the Music Teacher's National Association Wurlitzer Organ competition and at the Baltimore-Washington AGO Young Artist competition, Mr. Husey is one of the few organists ever reviewed in Opera News magazine. Also active as a tenor soloist and accompanist, he has performed with the Grammy winning Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus, The Westminster Choir, and New Trinity Baroque of Atlanta, in addition to being tenor soloist at the past two Messiah sings at WSUMC and as the Evangelist in Colla Voce's production of Bach's St. John Passion.

**This will be Mr. Husey's first solo recital in Columbia.**  
**An offering will be received**



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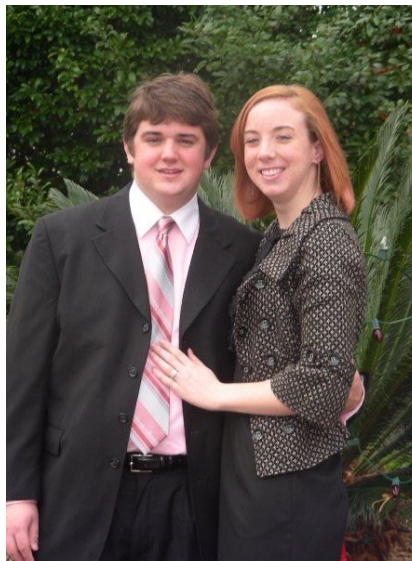
**Michael Ging, organ**  
**Katherine Lowery Drossos, soprano**  
**Organ and Soprano Concert**  
**Sunday, March 22, 6:00PM**

First Baptist Church  
48 Meeting St. (parking entrance)  
Charleston, SC  
No Admission Charge

Composed of soprano Katherine Lowery Drossos and organist Michael Ging, The Ging Duo presents its premiere concert performance at First Baptist Church this March. A native of Pensacola, Florida, Ms. Lowery Drossos began formal vocal training at age eleven with Gertrude Sherwood. At age twelve she was awarded the St. Cecilia Award from the Royal School of Church Music and at fifteen won first prize in the Florida Music Teachers' Association Competition. Roles have included Gretel in *Hansel and Gretel*, Susanna and Countess in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, and Donna Elvira in *Don Giovanni* as well as numerous roles in musical theater. She currently studies voice at The Oberlin Conservatory with Daune Mahy under a merit-based scholarship.

Charleston native Michael Ging began his musical training of the piano at age five and began organ training at age ten. At age eleven he was on duty for his first church service. Mr. Ging accepted his first professional position at age thirteen. As a performer, he has maintained an active schedule in hymn festivals, solo concerts, and programs in collaboration with other musicians while continuing to build his reputation as a "Tour-de-Force" known for his "fearless Improvisations". He has studied with Sara Younkin, Stephen Distad, and Joyce Jones and is also currently enrolled under a merit-based scholarship at The Oberlin Conservatory where he studies with Jack Mitchener.

Together Ms. Lowery Drossos and Mr. Ging hold the post of Directors of Music at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Cleveland, Ohio. The couple will be married June 26, 2009 at Old St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina.



*Dr. Joyce Jones*  
*Professor of Organ, Baylor University*  
*Sunday, March 29, 6:00PM*  
*First Baptist Church*  
*48 Meeting St. (parking entrance)*  
*Charleston, SC*  
*No Admission Charge*



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**Friday, April 3 – 7:30 p.m.**  
*The Columbia Community Concert Band*  
Union United Methodist Church  
Concerts are free. Donations accepted for future Music Programs.  
For further information call (803) 781-3013 or visit [www.unionunitedmethodist.org](http://www.unionunitedmethodist.org)  
7582 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC 29063

## Membership Renewal 2009-2010

The 2009-2010 membership drive renewal will begin soon. The national office has announced a dues increase coming for 2009. The rate for regular members will go from \$88 to \$92. Look for more information in the January issue of *The American Organist* magazine, page 86.

## Upcoming AGO Meetings/Events

Monday, March 23, 7:30 pm

Two-Organ Concert--Sally Cherrington-Beggs & Stephen Schnurr; Newberry College

Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 pm

Student Recital; Shandon United Methodist Church

May -TBA

Olivier Messiaen -Dr. Jared Johnson

## MARCH Birthdays



3/09 Thelma Rast  
3/09 Clifford Hospital  
3/11 Linda Coyne  
3/12 Sharon Witherell  
3/16 Ken Robbins  
3/23 Ron Miller  
3/29 Mary Williams

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# POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Please contact Susan Sturkie (788-6807 or [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) ) to update this information or for more information on these openings.

## \*\* NEW LISTING

### **BISHOPVILLE**

**First Baptist Church**, P.O. Box 144, Bishopville, SC 29010. Part-time Accompanist (piano and/or organ) and Part-time Music Director (one choir). Send resume ATTN: Personnel Committee at the church address. For more information, contact Beth Hedegor, Ministry Assistant at 803-484-5430 (8-1, Mon.-Thur.)

### **COLUMBIA**

**\*\*Ebenezer Lutheran Church** in Columbia is actively seeking qualified candidates to fill the full-time position of Director of Music / Minister of Music. A detailed job description is available. (AGO members may get this from Susan Sturkie at [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com).) Interested candidates may send their resume and cover letter to [ebenezermusic@bellsouth.net](mailto:ebenezermusic@bellsouth.net). All inquiries will be held in confidence.

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**, 525 St. Andrews Road, Columbia, SC 29210. Redeemer is a suburban congregation with an average of 300 worshipers each week at three traditional services (two on Sunday morning, and one brief service on Monday evenings). The church is seeking a full time music director who will serve as organist and choir director during services, lead weekly rehearsals and/or oversee volunteers for one adult choir, one adult handbell choir, several youth choirs (vocal, tone chimes and handbells). The music director will do worship planning with the pastor and provide leadership for an overall unified music program. Contact Pastor Gary Loadholdt at [pastorgary@placeforgrace.org](mailto:pastorgary@placeforgrace.org) .

**St. Andrew's Lutheran Church**, 1416 Broad River Road, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES. This congregation, with an established history of excellence in worship and music, seeks a musician creative in the Lutheran tradition to lead two Sunday morning worship services and seasonal liturgies. Specific responsibilities include leading the congregation in worship and song, conducting an adult choir and a children's choir, and directing soloists and instrumental ensembles. The successful candidate will demonstrate knowledge of Lutheran theology and liturgical practice, skill and competency at the keyboard, both organ and piano, improvisation and service playing. The church's instruments include a Schantz organ, 3 manual, 34 ranks; a Knabe grand piano, handbells, Orff instruments and chimes. Requirements include at least a bachelor's degree in music, and experience in conducting and rehearsing choirs of different age groups. If interested, see expanded job description and list of applications requirements at: [www.salutheran.com](http://www.salutheran.com). Compensation will be commensurate with education and experience. Send resumes to Ruth Lackstrom, [rel2812@earthlink.net](mailto:rel2812@earthlink.net) or mail to: Music Search Committee, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 1416 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210.

**\*\*Suber Marshall United Methodist Church**, Music Director/Organist/Pianist. Located in the Rosewood community of Columbia. The congregation prefers a mix of traditional and contemporary music. The choir practices one night each week. Full job description available. Submit a resume or a letter outlining your qualifications, along with two references or letters of reference, by mail to Suber Marshall Memorial UMC, Attn: Choir director position, 3900 Live Oak St., Columbia, S.C., 29205. You may submit your application by e-mail to David Proffitt at [rdproffitt@gmail.com](mailto:rdproffitt@gmail.com). Call David at 803-528-3678 if you have questions.

## **DENMARK**

**Bethel Park UMC** is seeking a part-time Organist/Choir Director. Our instrument is a 33-rank, three manual Gress-Miles Organ with antiphonal organ in the rear of the sanctuary. Service playing is most important, and ability to lead hymns with the organ is a must. Our choir is composed of 25-35 members and continues a long history of excellence. Ability to sight read above average choral music is a must. We rehearse on Monday evenings at 7pm. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 11am. We will offer a salary commensurate with experience. If interested, please forward resume, including references to Att: PPRC, Bethel Park United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 207, Denmark, South Carolina 29042. [hmileysc@aol.com](mailto:hmileysc@aol.com) (Bill Humphries)

## **FLORENCE**

**Cross and Crown Lutheran Church**, P/T Director of Music Ministries needed for Florence, SC church. 10 hours per week. Duties include planning and coordinating the congregation's music program, direct the choir, and participate in planning of worship and other musical activities. Education and experience appropriate for a professional church keyboard musician is desired. Please send resume to: Cross and Crown, 3123 W. Palmetto St. Florence, SC 29501.

## **GASTON / SANDY RUN**

**Beulah United Methodist Church**, 1577 Old State Road, Gaston, SC 29053, 803-794-0783, Music – Choir Director. Beulah United Methodist, a 116 year old church in Sandy Run, SC, is seeking a talented devote Christian to direct the church's music programs. Qualified applicants must have a degree in music, education or equivalent experience as a choral director, be a professional pianist with transposition skills, and enthusiastic, organized, and committed to enhancing worship and glorifying God through music. This is a salaried position between \$8,000 to \$11,000 annually, based on qualifications. Please send resumes to 1577 Old State Rd. Gaston, SC 29053 or [pastorflowers@bellsouth.net](mailto:pastorflowers@bellsouth.net). Rev. Neil Flowers

## **GREENVILLE**

**St. Mark UMC**, 306 N. Franklin Rd., Greenville 29609 is looking for a Music Director-Pianist. Contact the church at 864-233-1437-for information. Or send Resume to St. Mark UMC.

## **HARTSVILLE**

**Our Shepherd Lutheran Church**. Musician needed to play for Sunday morning service, 10:30–11:30 AM, with extra seasonal services – Advent and Lent. The instrument is a Yamaha Clavinova. Compensation negotiable. Call Alice Brandt, 843-332-1478.

**St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church**, Campus Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550 Organist position. Cassavant Organ. The church is located directly across from the Elizabeth Boatwright Performing Arts Center on the Coker College campus. Services are Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. with choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. There are other special services occasionally throughout the church year such as choral evensong and Holy Week. The church has a part-time choir director who can also substitute at the organ when needed. If interested, please contact Father Michael Ridgill at 843-332-8765 or Candace Holcombe, choir director, at 843-383-2846 (home) or 843-857-3801 (office). Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

## **JOHNSTON**

**Harmony United Methodist Church**, located in Johnston, SC (Edgefield County) seeking to hire a part time (approximately 10 hours per week) choir director.

Responsibilities include weekly rehearsal of adult choir, selecting appropriate anthems for weekly worship service and leading choir and congregation in singing during the 10 am Worship service each Sunday morning. Choir Director will also be responsible for working with the pastor to ensure and provide appropriate music for special evening services throughout the year (ex: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve services).

Salary is negotiable based on experience. Please contact Donna Livingston or Rev. Becky Shirley (803-275-4885) or by email [jhumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:jhumc@bellsouth.net)



## **LANCASTER**

**St. Luke United Methodist Church**, 128 Providence Road, Lancaster, SC 29720. Organist/Choir Director Position. One Sunday Worship at 10:30. Allen Organ. Salary negotiable. For more information, contact Rev. Kyle Randle (803) 286-8652 or email [randlekyle@gmail.com](mailto:randlekyle@gmail.com)

## **LAURENS**

**Atonement Lutheran Church**, 413 West Farley Avenue, Laurens, SC 29360 has a current opening for a church organist. We are currently obtaining an organ for the sanctuary, and seek to have a regular organist for Sunday morning worship, in addition to special worship services as needed. Perfect opportunity for a student. Requirements: Be familiar with, or be able to learn liturgical settings and hymns from Lutheran Book of Worship (1978 green hymnal). Contact: Sean Miller, Pastoral Intern, 864-684-1704, [lutheran05@yahoo.com](mailto:lutheran05@yahoo.com).

## **LEXINGTON**

**Nazareth Lutheran Church**, Organist/Choir Director. Call Pr. Mike Watson at 359-7993 for more information.

## **MYRTLE BEACH**

**St. Philip Lutheran Church**, 6200 N. Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach is seeking a part-time organist, salary negotiable. Duties include two Sunday worship services, midweek worship, choir practice, weddings and funerals. For more information, please call 843-449-5345.

## **NEWBERRY**

**Colony Lutheran Church**, 48 Colony Church Rd., Newberry, SC. Director of Music/Organist, Part-time. Located half-way between Prosperity and Newberry on USH#76. One Sunday Worship @ 11:00 a.m. Baldwin 636, 2 manual electronic organ, handbells. Salary negotiable. For more info, contact Worship & Music Chairperson Bettye H. Fulmer @ 803-276-7998, or Pastor Jerry Trantham @ 803-276-7151, [colonylc@bellsouth.net](mailto:colonylc@bellsouth.net).

**Summer Memorial Lutheran Church** is currently seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Director of Music Ministries / Organist. Part-time position (16-20 hours per week) - one Sunday worship service plus any additional seasonal services. The Director of Music Ministries conducts weekly rehearsals with the adult choir, the children's choir, and the handbell choir. This individual will also work closely with the Pastor and the Worship and Music Committee in selecting a wide variety of music to enhance the worship service. Knowledge of traditional Lutheran Liturgy and contemporary praise music is an asset to this position. All interested persons should submit a resume to Wanda Amick, Summer Memorial Lutheran Church, 1609 Milligan Street, Newberry, SC 29108, or by e-mail to [summermemorial@bellsouth.net](mailto:summermemorial@bellsouth.net). Compensation is approximately \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 per year.

## **RIDGEWAY**

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**, 307 Longtown Rd. Ridgeway 29130 (803) 337-2905. Organist No choir, one Sunday service each week, weddings and funerals (infrequent, 2-3/yr), Good Friday evening and a midnight service on Christmas Eve. St. Stephen's is a small, historic congregation dating back to 1839. The congregation is a "traditional" Episcopalian church. Our present organist (and any recent sub) has been paid \$100/week, \$5200/yr. The current "contract" we have with the organist provides for four vacation Sundays per year where it is up to the organist to find a sub; plus two Sundays where the church finds the sub. Contact Vicar Tommy Dwyer at [vetelover@gmail.com](mailto:vetelover@gmail.com)

## **SENECA**

**Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church**, <http://www.eternalshepherd.org> Choir accompanist. Contact Lars Helland, [larsh@alltel.net](mailto:larsh@alltel.net) cell: 706-244-4544 Home: 706-356-2690 or Rick Schmidt at 864-886-9306.

## **WHITE ROCK**

**The Heritage at Lowman**, Retirement Community, has an opening for Coordinator of Music for the Assisted Living and Active Life Style (Independent) areas of the campus. This full-time position, with benefits, includes responsibility for the vocal and handbell choirs, coordinating musicians for the Wednesday and Sunday services; planning the concert series for "Sundays at Lowman;" and coordinating with musical programs for residents. Contact Kay Callihan, Director of Human Resources, The Heritage at Lowman, PO Box 444, White Rock, SC 29177. Telephone: 803-732-8800



## IN LOVING MEMORY

CLYDE J. "CJ" SAMBACH

AGE: 60 BRICK

Clyde J. Sambach, 60, of Brick, died Friday, February 27, 2009 at Ocean Medical Center, Brick, NJ. Born in New Hyde Park, NY, he lived in Brick for many years. He was a graduate of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ, and performed in their Symphonic Choir with many prominent orchestras and conductors. He worked at Ocean County College and at Ocean County Vocational and Technical School in their accounting department. He served as organist and choir director at the Holmdel Community Church and was recently organist at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church in Clark, NJ.

Cj developed a career as a concert organist years ago, performing at many churches across the country. He pioneered his Pipe Organ *Informance* program which was dedicated to interesting young people in the organ. He was popular and very well received wherever he went. Cj had many friends across the country and was known for his loyalty and sense of humor. He loved gardening, cooking and entertaining his friends.

He is predeceased by his parents Warren and Thalia Sambach of Long Island. He is survived by his brothers Warren of Scottsdale, AZ, and Dean of Long Island. Also surviving are his cousins Lyta Seddig of Pennsylvania, Chrys Schenkel of Virginia, Jeffrey Gerhold of Maryland and his long-time friend Anthony Snyder of Eatontown, NJ.

The time and place of a memorial service will be announced at a future date. Gifts in his memory may be sent to the Cj Sambach Memorial Scholarship, c/o Steven B. Spinner, Westminster Choir College, 101 Walnut Lane, Princeton, NJ, 08540, or [www.rider.edu/give](http://www.rider.edu/give).